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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite and were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-123127 A (hereinafter the '127 document).

With this Amendment, the objected to language in claim 1 has been deleted. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection under § 112 has been overcome.

Amended claim 1 recites in pertinent part:

a guidance part comprising first and second guide rollers, said first guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter

The '127 document discloses rollers 6 adapted to engage a projected line portion of an adherend. Neither of the two rollers 6 comprises a first end having a first diameter and a second end having a second diameter smaller than the first diameter. Accordingly, it is submitted that amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-11 define patentable subject matter over the '127 document.

New claims 7-19 have been added. Support for these claims can be found, for example, in Figs. 4, 5, 6a, 6b, and 10a-10d. "[D]rawings alone *may* be sufficient to provide 'the written description of the invention' required by § 112, first paragraph." *Vas-Cath Inc. v. Mahurkar*, 19 USPQ2d 1111 (Fed. Cir. 1991). No new matter is involved.

For these reasons, it is submitted that claims 1-19 define patentably over the '127 document. Accordingly, it is submitted that the above referenced rejections should be withdrawn and this case allowed.

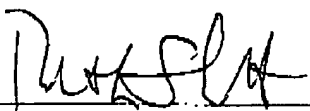
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Early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

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